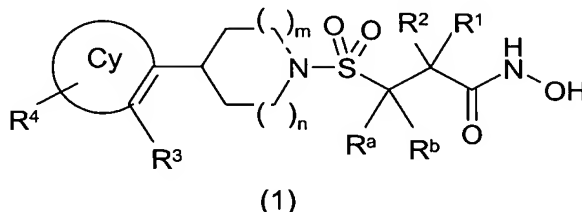


This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

### Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula (1):



wherein:

Cy is an aryl or heteroaryl group;

$m$  is zero or the integer 1, 2 or 3;

$n$  is zero or the integer 1, 2 or 3; in which the sum of  $m$  and  $n$  is zero or the integer 1, 2 or 3;

$R^1$  is a group selected from  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl,  $C_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl,  $-C_{1-6}$ alkylaryl,  $-C_{1-6}$ alkylheteroaryl,  $-C_{1-6}$ alkylheterocycloalkyl ~~or~~ and  $-C_{1-6}$ alkyl $C_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl, in which each aryl ~~or~~ and heteroaryl group, present as or as part of the group  $R^1$ , ~~may~~ is optionally ~~be~~ substituted with 1, 2 or 3  $R^7$  substituents ~~selected from the group  $R^7$ , wherein each  $R^7$  may be the same or different, and is an atom or group selected from F, Cl, Br,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ haloalkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-6}$ haloalkoxy, CN,  $CO_2R^{7a}$ ,  $CON(R^{7a})_2$  or  $COR^{7a}$ , and in which each alkyl, heterocycloalkyl ~~or~~ and cycloalkyl group, present as or as part of the group  $R^1$ , may is optionally ~~be~~ substituted with 1, 2 or 3  $R^8$  substituents ~~selected from the group  $R^8$ , wherein each  $R^8$  may be the same or different, and is an atom or group selected from F,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ haloalkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-6}$ haloalkoxy,  $=O$ ,  $=NOR^{10}$ ,  $CO_2R^{8a}$ ,  $CON(R^{8a})_2$  or  $COR^{8a}$ ,~~~~

each R<sup>7</sup> is, independently, F, Cl, Br, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkoxy, -CN, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>7a</sup>, -CON(R<sup>7a</sup>)<sub>2</sub> or -COR<sup>7a</sup>;

~~each~~ R<sup>7a</sup>, ~~which may be the same or different,~~ is each is, independently, a hydrogen atom, or a C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkyl group;

each R<sup>8</sup> is, independently, F, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkoxy, =O, =NOR<sup>10</sup>, -CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>8a</sup>, -CON(R<sup>8a</sup>)<sub>2</sub> or -COR<sup>8a</sup>;

~~each~~  $R^{8a}$ , ~~which may be the same or different, is each~~ is, independently, a hydrogen atom, or a  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl or  $C_{1-6}$ haloalkyl group;

$R^{10}$  is a hydrogen atom or a  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl group;

$R^2$  is a hydrogen atom or a  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl group;

or  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a  $C_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl group optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3  $R^9$  substituents ~~selected from the group  $R^9$ , wherein each  $R^9$  may be the same or different, and is an atom or group selected from F,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ haloalkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-6}$ haloalkoxy,  $=O$ ,  $=NOR^{10}$ ,  $-CO_2R^{8a}$ ,  $-CON(R^{8a})_2$  or  $-COR^{8a}$ ;~~

each  $R^9$  is, independently, F,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ haloalkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-6}$ haloalkoxy,  $=O$ ,  $=NOR^{10}$ ,  $-CO_2R^{8a}$ ,  $-CON(R^{8a})_2$  or  $-COR^{8a}$ ;

~~$R^3$  is an atom or group selected from F, Cl, Br,  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-3}$ haloalkyl,  $C_{1-3}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-3}$ haloalkoxy or  $-CN$ ;~~

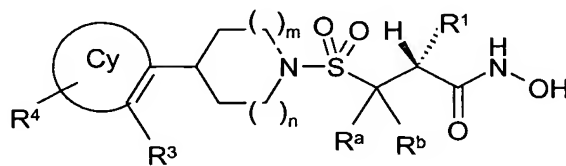
$R^4$  is a hydrogen, F, Cl, ~~or Br,~~ ~~atom or a~~  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-3}$ haloalkyl,  $C_{1-3}$ alkoxy,  $C_{1-3}$ haloalkoxy,  $-CN$ ,  $-SO_2R^5$ ,  $-SO_2N(R^6)_2$ ,  $-CON(R^6)_2$ ,  $-N(R^6)_2$ ,  $-NHSO_2R^5$  or  $-NHCOR^5$  group;

$R^5$  is a  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl group;

~~each~~  $R^6$ , ~~which may be the same or different, is each~~ is, independently, a hydrogen atom or a  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl group; and

$R^a$  and  $R^b$ , which may be the same or different, ~~is are each an atom or group selected from hydrogen or  $C_{1-3}$ alkyl, or  $R^a$  and  $R^b$  may be joined to together with the carbon atom to which they are attached~~ form a  $C_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl group ~~as defined for  $R^1$  and  $R^2$~~  optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3  $R^9$  substituents;  
~~and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or *N*-oxides thereof~~  
or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or *N*-oxide thereof.

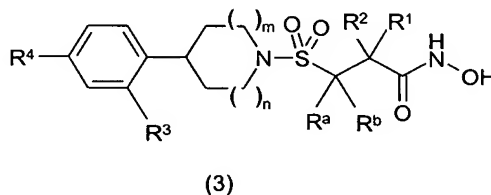
2. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 ~~which has the~~ of formula (2):



(2)

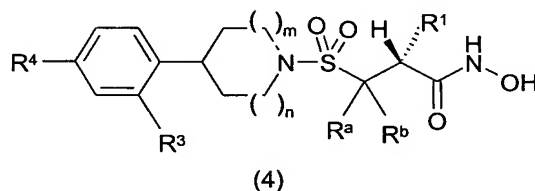
wherein  $m$ ,  $n$ ,  $Cy$ ,  $R^a$ ,  $R^b$ ,  $R^1$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are as defined in Claim 1;  
and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or  $N$ -oxides thereof  
or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or  $N$ -oxide thereof.

3. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 ~~which has the~~ of formula (3):



wherein  $m$ ,  $n$ ,  $R^a$ ,  $R^b$ ,  $R^1$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are as defined in Claim 1;  
and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or  $N$ -oxides thereof  
or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or  $N$ -oxide thereof.

4. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 3 ~~which has the~~ of formula (4):



wherein  $m$ ,  $n$ ,  $R^a$ ,  $R^b$ ,  $R^1$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are as defined in Claim 1;  
and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or  $N$ -oxides thereof  
or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or  $N$ -oxide thereof.

5. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~ wherein  $Cy$  is a phenyl group.

6. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim~~ Claim 1 wherein  $R^a$  and  $R^b$  is are each a hydrogen atom.

7. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim~~ Claim 1 wherein  $m$  is the integer 1 and  $n$  is zero or the integer 1.

8. (currently amended) A compound ~~of any preceding Claim in which~~ according to Claim 1 wherein n is the integer 1.
9. (currently amended) A compound ~~of any preceding Claim in which~~ according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a group selected from C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-2</sub>phenyl, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-2</sub>heteroaryl, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-2</sub>heterocycloalkyl ~~or and~~ -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-2</sub>C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl, each of which is optionally substituted ~~in which each phenyl or heteroaryl group, present as or as part of the group R<sup>1</sup>, may optionally be substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group R<sup>7</sup>, as defined in Claim 1; and in which each alkyl, heterocycloalkyl or cycloalkyl group, present as or as part of the group R<sup>1</sup>, may optionally be substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group R<sup>8</sup>, as defined in Claim 1.~~
10. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim in which~~ Claim 9 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a group selected from optionally substituted C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, phenyl, heterocycloalkyl, C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl ~~or and~~ -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>1-2</sub>phenyl.
11. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of Claims 1, 3 or 5 to 8 in which~~ Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form ~~a~~ an optionally substituted C<sub>3-6</sub>cycloalkyl group ~~optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from the group R<sup>9</sup>, as defined in Claim 1.~~
12. (original) A compound according to Claim 11 in which R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a cyclobutyl group.
13. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim in which~~ Claim 1 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is ~~an atom or group selected from~~ F, Cl, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -CF<sub>2</sub>H, methoxy, ethoxy, -OCF<sub>3</sub>, -OCF<sub>2</sub>H or -CN.
14. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any preceding Claim in which~~ Claim 1 wherein R<sup>4</sup> is ~~an atom or group selected from a~~ hydrogen, F, ~~or Cl, atom or a~~ methyl, -CF<sub>3</sub>, methoxy or -OCF<sub>2</sub>H group.

15. (currently amended) A compound ~~of any preceding Claim~~ according to Claim 1 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is ~~an atom or group selected from~~ F, Cl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy.
16. (original) A compound according to Claim 15 wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a C<sub>1-3</sub> alkyl or C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy group.
17. (currently amended) A compound according to Claim 15 ~~or Claim 16~~ wherein R<sup>3</sup> is a methyl or methoxy group.
18. (currently amended) A compound which is:  
2-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-*N*-hydroxy-3-methylbutyramide;  
2-[4-(2-methyl-4-fluorophenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-*N*-hydroxy-3-methylbutyramide;  
2-benzyl-*N*-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonyl]propionamide;  
2-benzyl-*N*-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methylphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonyl]propionamide;  
*N*-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonyl]-2-phenylpropionamide;  
2(*R*)-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-*N*-hydroxy-3-methylbutyramide;  
2(*R*)-[4-(2-methylphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]-*N*-hydroxy-3-methylbutyramide;  
1-[4-(2-methoxyphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]cyclobutane carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;  
1-[4-(2-methylphenyl)piperidine-1-sulfonylmethyl]cyclobutane carboxylic acid hydroxyamide;  
~~and the salts, solvates, hydrates, tautomers, isomers or *N*-oxides thereof~~  
or a salt, solvate, hydrate, tautomer, isomer or *N*-oxide thereof.
19. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 1 together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients or diluents.